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Amendments proposed by the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget[1/]

[1/] Amendments to the proposed revisions to the UNCTAD sections of the United Nations Medium-term Plan for 1992-1997 contained in documents A/47/6 (Prog.13), A/47/6 (Prog.14) and A/47/6 (Prog.15)

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Programme 13. Trade and Development

3. Subprogramme structure and priorities

Para. 13.30

Delete the paragraph.

Subprogramme 1.

Para. 13.34 (c)

Delete at the end of the paragraph the words "ensuring transparency and defining consultation procedures"

Para. 13.35 (d)

Replace the paragraph with the following:
" (d) Enhancing knowledge of restrictive business practices and encouraging the elimination of those practices which adversely affect international trade, particularly that of developing countries and the economic development of those countries".

Subprogramme 2.

Para. 13.41 (d)

Insert, in the first line, after "diversification" the words "and crop substitution".

Para. 13.41 (g)

In the third line, after "sustainable development", insert a semi-colon and delete the rest of the text ("including on such possible ... commodity production and processing").

Subprogramme 3.

Para. 13.45 (g)

Insert, in the second line, after "debt" "management and".

Subprogramme 4.

Para. 13.49 (b)

Replace, at the beginning of the paragraph, the words "Formulation and adoption of" by the words "Analysis and advice on".

Para. 13.50 (h)

Replace the paragraph by the following:
" (h) Consider whether there is convergence of views of Governments on a Code of Conduct on the Transfer of Technology necessary to reach agreement on all outstanding issues. If there is convergence of views,

contribute to further work on the Code;".

Add new Para. 13.50 (j)

" (j) Analyse challenges and opportunities for transfer of technology to and from countries undergoing transition processes to a market economy".

Subprogramme 5.

Para. 13.53 (b)

Add at the end of the paragraph: "and the participation of the poor and vulnerable groups in development".

Para. 13.53 (d)

Insert, in the second line, after "development programmes" the word "particularly".

Replace, in the second line, the word "particularly" by "especially".

Subprogramme 6.

Para. 13.62 (a)

Delete, in the second and third lines, the words: "both" and "developed and".

Subprogramme 7.

Para. 13.66 (b)

Replace, in the first line, "Study" by "Consider".

Para.13.67 (b)

Replace the existing text by the following:
" (b) Study trends in the international trading, monetary and financial systems with a view to identifying the coherence of these systems and alternative responses required to ensure good macro-economic management at the global level and adequate co-ordination and surveillance of national policies".

Subprogramme 8.

Para.13.70 (c) and (d)

Replace both sub-paragraphs by the following:
" (c) Contribute to the promotion of regional and sub-regional economic integration, particularly among developing countries, as a complementary means to strengthening the trade liberalization process in order to facilitate, in a timely way, the smooth and equitable integration of all countries into the international trading system".

Subprogramme 9.

Para. 13.77 (a)

Delete, in the second line, the word "appropriate".

Para. 13.78 (c)

Replace, in the second line, "and" by "and/or".

Add new Para. 13.78 (j)

" (j) Provide support for the presentation of national programmes and plans for privatization".

Subprogramme 10.

Para 13.80

Delete at the end of the first line the word "developing".

Para 13.82 (a)

Place a semi-colon at the end of the second line, after the words "reforms needed".

Delete at the beginning of the third line the word "and".

Add at the end of the paragraph the following: "and measures and mechanisms for effective mobilization of domestic financial resources".

Para. 13.82 (b)

Replace, in the third line, the words "generation of additional finance for sustainable development" by "of increasing the availability of development finance".

Subprogramme 11.

Para.13.88 (a)

Replace, in the second line, "coexistence" by "coherence and complementarity".

Para. 13.88 (c)

Insert after "developing countries with" the words "new and".

Subprogramme 12.

Para. 13.96 (d)

Insert, in the first line, after "assistance" "particularly".

Programme 14. Trade expansion, export promotion and services sector development

3. Subprogramme structure and priorities

Para. 14.13

Delete "1, 4," from the sentence.

Subprogramme 1.

Para. 14.17 (f)

Add, in the ninth line, before "increase" "the encouragement of preference-giving countries to consider an".

Para. 14.17 (g)

Replace, in the second and third lines, "in Central and Eastern Europe" by "in transition".

Para. 14.18 (g)

Replace, in the third line, "of Central and Eastern Europe" by "in transition".

Para. 14.19 (j)

Insert, in the first line, after "increasing" ",where possible,".

Para. 14.19 (k)

Replace, in the third line, "of Central and Eastern Europe" by "in transition"

Subprogramme 3.

Para. 14.31 (i)

Replace the paragraph by the following:
" (i) Undertake research and development of new automatic data-processing systems such as ASYCUDA for use at the country level"

Subprogramme 4.

Para. 14.34 (b)

Insert, in the first line, after the word "Examine" the following: "ways of overcoming"

Para. 14.35 (b)

In the first line: replace "Formulating policies to strengthen" by "Elaboration of policies aimed at strengthening".

Replace in the third line "to increase" by "increasing".

Para. 14.35 (g)

Insert at the beginning of the paragraph "Elaboration of policies aimed at".

Para. 14.36 (a)

In the second line, insert a semi-colon after "services"; delete "including"; replace "overcoming "by "to overcome" and "improving" by "to improve".

Add at the end of the paragraph after "markets" the following: ",including through analysis of relevant restrictive business practices".

Subprogramme 5.

Para. 14.38

Replace the paragraph by the following:
14.38"Most of world trade is carried on ocean transport and many developing countries have put priority on participating in this sector. Given the growing interdependence among the service sectors, their efforts to develop competitive shipping sectors may be facilitated by increasing their capacity to cope with rapidly-changing structural and technological developments in improving the efficiency of their maritime and multimodal transport and related services and infrastructure facilities."

Para. 14.42 (a)

In the second line, after "the participation" insert the words "in particular".

Para. 14.42 (c)

Replace the words "fields of" by "development of competitive" and after the word "transport" insert the word "services".

Para. 14.42 (e)

Replace the first two lines of the para. by following:
"Promote the development of port services, in particular through heightened awareness of technological improvements and measures which may enhance the.."

Para. 14.42 (g)

In the second line insert after "with a view" and between comas, the words "inter alia".

Para. 14.43 (a)

Replace the paragraph by following:
(a) Preparing comparative analyses of national shipping policies, including such strategies and options as privatization, commercialization or possible elimination of State shipping companies, and their impact on the establishment of a national institutional environment aimed at fostering competitive shipping services, fleet development, service quality and increased trade, and reducing the technological gap;

Para. 14.43 (c)

Replace the paragraph by following:
(c) Promoting a balance of interests between users and providers of shipping services with particular regard to encouraging regular consultations among them;

Para. 14.43 (d)

Replace in the fourth line the word "application" by the words "by increasing awareness".

In the last line of the para. replace the word "transport" by the word "shipping".

Para. 14.43 (f)

Replace the paragraph by following:
(f)Monitoring structural changes in multimodal transport supply services including multimodal sea/air services; promoting the use of international multimodal transport operations and the development of transport technologies, including the application of the agreed modal rules for container tariffs as well as UNCTAD/ICC standard form and modal provisions for multimodal transport documents and the use of transport-related information technologies such as EDI and the Advance Cargo Information System (ACIS);

Para. 14.43 (g)

Replace the paragraph by following:
(g) Encouraging a better understanding of the utilization of the latest techniques and developments in multimodal transport and physical distribution management and disseminating such knowledge to countries

in need thereof;

Para. 14.43 (h)

Insert a new para. to become (h) to read as follows:
(h) Elaborating reference documents setting up the basic concepts of multimodal transport and major issues to be dealt with in a market-oriented implementation process in order to achieve a stronger awareness of these issues;

Para. 14.43 (i)

Is previous para. (h).

Para. 14.43 (j)

Is previous para. (i)

Para. 14.43 (k)

Is previous para. (j)

Para. 14.43 (l)

Insert new para. to read as follows:
(l) Increasing knowledge of laws and regulations related to maritime and multimodal standards for the purpose, inter alia, of adapting them to modern shipping, ports and multimodal transport market conditions, with a view to promoting the competitiveness and economic development of countries, in particular developing countries; and providing assistance to governments, on request, in the formulation of national legislation, including advice on the application of international conventions adopted within UNCTAD.

Para. 14.44

Replace the paragraph by the following:
14.44 In light of the above outlined framework, the UNCTAD secretariat will :

(a) Undertake research and prepare comparative analyses of national shipping policies and their impact on fleet development and the quality of shipping services, and on structural, technological and institutional changes in trade and transport and their impact on ports and multimodal transport operations;

(b) Study strategies and options aimed at fostering competitive shipping services, as well as possibilities of economic co-operation among developing countries in the fields of shipping, ports and multimodal transport and monitor developments in transport technology;

(c) Enhance the exchange and dissemination of relevant information in these fields and increase the knowledge of laws and regulations responding to the requirements of modern international transport conditions;

(d) Assist Governments in implementing the main findings of the above-mentioned studies and reports through the development and support of technical cooperation projects.

Paras. 14.45, 14.46 and 14.47 should be entirely deleted.

Paras. 14.48, 14.49 and 14.50 should be renumbered accordingly.

Subprogramme 6.

Para. 14.55 (a) (v)

Insert, in the first line, after "supervisory authorities" the words "in developing countries".

Para. 14.55 (d) (ii)

Insert, in the second line, after "supervisory capacity" the words "in developing countries".

Programme 15. Least-developed, land-locked and island developing countries, and special programmes

1. General orientation

Para. 15.3 (a)

Add, at the end of the paragraph, after "Programme of Action" the following: "and that the UNCTAD Intergovernmental Group of Experts on the Least Developed Countries will hold a mid-term review in 1995".